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YOUNG PEOPLE'S YEARBOOK

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DEVOTIONAL STUDY

“The Elements of Friendship”

MISSIONARY TOPIC

“Movements toward World Friendship”

SOCIAL SERVICE TOPIC

“From World War to World Brotherhood”



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FOREWORD

THE central theme for the studies, both in the Bible and the missionary topics, is "Friendship," and it is selected with the view of emphasizing the responsibility resting upon the Church in this period of world reconstruction to cement the new relationships of the world in Christian fellowship.

The outlines given are by no means intended to be followed in the order arranged. These details should be carefully worked out by the program committee, who should seek to give as much variety to the meetings as possible. Each program should be carefully gone over in every detail, fitting in each item where it is deemed best. It is customary to have the devotional study first, but on some occasions it might be more impressive and might give variety to have it as the closing thought.

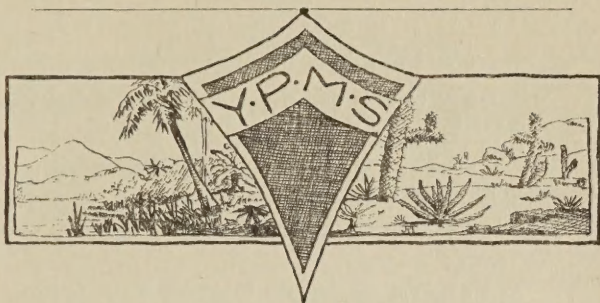
In the daily papers, in magazines, and in other current literature a large volume of material bearing on the subject of study may be found, and it will be of inestimable value if use is made of it. It would be well to have an information committee to select for each meeting current events relating to the study.

Use outside speakers occasionally. There are two programs (August and November) in which the pastor might be used with great profit. Give the auxiliary the benefit of the very best speakers available, but do not depend on outside talent altogether. Use every member of the auxiliary at some time during the year. In the auxiliary there will be found some members who have talent for drawing, and they should be used in making charts and posters to bring vividly before the society the topic of study.

Wherever practicable the auxiliary should have more than one meeting a month. One meeting when the entire time is devoted to business and another for the study of the topics outlined, with special meetings for mission study and Bible study, is the ideal plan. However, many auxiliaries combine the business and literary programs. The order of business given on page 19 is intended for use each month as a guide for the President in the conduct of the business, whether a special meeting is given for this purpose or not. By following a regular order promptness and businesslike methods are assured, which will add greatly to the interest and efficiency of the auxiliary.

The programs and devotional studies will be given in the *Voice*, but it will be well for every member to be provided with a YEAR-BOOK, and the small amount necessary to provide them will be money well spent. One copy is furnished to each auxiliary, but additional copies may be purchased from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

J A N U A R Y



STEWARDSHIP

Bible lesson: "Service—An Expression of Friendship."

Prayer:

Our Father, as we stand on the threshold of a new year and a new day, open thou our eyes that we may have a broad outlook and a discerning vision. May we see and hear afar the needs of others—the human needs, like unto ours—for sympathy, for understanding, for opportunity for development of body, mind, and soul. Give to us the spirit of brotherhood, of loving service, that we may share largely and wisely the gifts thou hast intrusted to our stewardship. For thy Son's sake we ask it. Amen.

Hymns 417, 687.

Topics: "Our Specials for 1920" (demonstration, see leaflet).

"Money the Acid Test" (a book review—*Voice*).

Prayer.

Plans for the New Year. (President.)

Distribution of pledge cards.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

"If I knew you and you knew me,
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine,
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness;
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree
If I knew you and you knew me."

F E B R U A R Y

FRANCE AND BELGIUM

"Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
To see the promise of the day fulfilled
When war shall be no more and strife shall cease
Upon the highway of the Prince of Peace."

Bible lesson: "Fidelity—A Bond of Friendship." (1 Sam. xix. 1-4, xxiii. 17, 18.)

Prayer:

"As we go out among men to do our work, touching the hands and lives of our fellows, make us, we pray thee, friends of all the world. Make us determined to love even at the cost of our pride, that we may be soldiers of thy peace on earth." Amen.

Hymns 415, 420.

Topics: "Our Missions in Europe" (*Voice*); "New-Found Friends in Europe" (see leaflet).

Prayer.

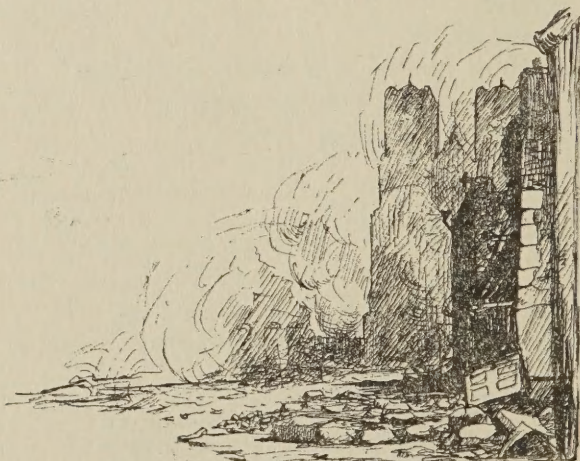
Discussion: "The Standard of Excellence. Shall Our Auxiliary Be on the Roll of Honor This Year?"

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date





SOCIAL SERVICE

World Workers—Our Brothers

Bible lesson: "New Friendships Formed."
(Acts x. 1-23.)

Prayer:

We thank thee, our Father, for this glorious land of ours that has held out a welcoming hand to the oppressed of other nations. May no harsh word of ours, no failure to understand, no neglect on our part serve to dim the bright hopes or make heavier the burdens of those who have come to us. Give us appreciative, grateful hearts for the enriching influences that they bring. With true humility may we learn of them as together we press on to the heights of individual and national achievement. We ask it in his name. Amen.

Hymns 355, 555.

Topic: "Young People from Other Lands at Work." (See leaflet.)

Reading: "The Rush of the Hour." (*Voice*.)

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

"This is the gospel of labor; ring it, ye bells of the kirk:

The Lord of love came down from above to live with the men who work."

Hold Executive Committee meeting and send reports to Conference officers promptly.

The Father gave.
Jesus Christ offered himself.
What will you do?

GOOD FRIDAY

A Day of Prayer for Volunteers

"The Cost of Discipleship." (John xii. 24, 25; Luke xiv. 26, 27.)

Hymn: "O Love that wilt not let me go."
(No. 481 Hymnal.)

Prayer:

That fathers and mothers may realize the stewardship of parenthood and not put hindrances in the lives of young people offering themselves for missionary service at home and abroad.

Topics: "Christian Workers Needed in the Centenary Program."

"The Educational Standard for Home and Foreign Workers."

Prayer:

That the young people of our Church may answer the need for workers by offering themselves for service in the Orient, in Latin America, and in the homeland.

Hymn: "Saviour, thy dying love." (No. 349 Hymnal.)

Season of prayer by all present, that the Holy Spirit may breathe upon the Church and bring young people to a decision in regard to the investment of life; that pastors may realize their responsibility for the missionary cultivation of young people in the Church; that the leaders in missionary work may be instrumental in aiding young people to prepare themselves for missionary service.

Meditation: Ephesians iii. 14-21.

Hymn: "Consecration." (No. 348 Hymnal, to be sung kneeling.)

TRAINING FOR WORLD SERVICE

Bible lesson: "Sacrificial Element of Friendship." (John xv. 13; Rom. v. 7, 8.)

Prayer:

Teach us, our great Friend, the meaning of sacrificial service. We would "measure our life by loss, not gain"; by "the wheat planted in the furrows of the world's needs," not by the grain hoarded in the garner of our own selfish indulgence. May we serve and not count the cost, love and not withhold the gifts that love demands! Amen.

Hymns 348, 349.

Topics: "Enlistment and Training for a World Service." (See leaflet.)

"Scarritt Bible and Training School." (*Voice*.)

Discussion: "How May We Each One Be a Missionary?"

Prayer.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

NOTE.—Any society desiring to give a representation of Scarritt Bible and Training School can order the demonstration, "The Spirit of Scarritt," of Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 810 Broadway, Nashville. There are a limited number in stock.





NEW CHINA

Bible lesson: "Obedience a Pledge of True Friendship." (John xv. 12-14; 1 Sam. xv. 22.)

Prayer:

O Lord, breathe within our hearts the spirit of loving trust in thee. Then will our work be joy, a gift from our Father's hand, and we can walk cheerfully with the gladness of children down life's great highway. Amen.

Hymns 527, 352.

Topics: "McTyeire School—Training Leaders for New China." (See leaflet.)

"Messages from Young Women of China." (*Voice.*)

"Current Events in China."

Prayer.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

Open wide, ye gates of gold,
To the dragon's banner fold!
Builders of the might wall,
Bid your mighty barriers fall!
So may the girdle of the sun
Bind the East and West in one.

—*Oliver Wendell Holmes.*

SOCIAL SERVICE

World Workers—Our Brothers

Bible lesson: "The Good Samaritan—An Example of Friendship." (Luke x. 30-37.)

Prayer:

"We would be true, for there are those who trust us;
 We would be pure, for there are those who care;
 We would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
 We would be brave, for there is much to dare.
 We would be friends to all, the foe, the friendless;
 We would be giving and forget the gift;
 We would be humble, for we know our weakness;
 We would look up and laugh and love and lift."
 Amen.

Hymns 410, 552: "A Hymn of Christian Brotherhood." (*Voice.*)

Topic: "Proving Ourselves Friends to the Negro Worker." (Leaflet.)

Discussion.

Prayer.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

Hold Executive Committee meeting and send reports to Conference officers promptly.





LATIN AMERICA

Bible lesson: "Confidence an Essential Element of Friendship." (John xv. 15-21.)

Prayer:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns 340, 411.

Topics: "Events Cementing Friendship between the Americas." (*Voice*.)

"The Message of Friendship in Latin America." (Leaflet.)

Prayer.

Map talks on the work of the Woman's Missionary Council in Brazil, Mexico, and Cuba.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

"A thousand new hopes are born in a day
As the Lord Christ moves in the great highway.
And his voice rings out his vast design:
'Go forth to conquer. The world is mine.'"

THE RURAL CHURCH

O Spirit unconfined,
 Thy ways are free
 As is the wandering wind,
 And thou hast wooed thy children to restore
 Their fellowship with thee
 In peace of soul and simpleness of mind.

—*Van Dyke.*

Bible lesson: "Frankness a Test of Friendship." (Mark x. 17-22.)

Prayer:

O thou great Searcher of hearts, lift upon us the light of thy countenance, search us and know our hearts, try us and know our thoughts, cleanse thou us from secret faults, and by the power of thy indwelling Spirit make our meditation to be acceptable in thy sight. Amen.

Hymns 490, 191.

Topics: "Making the Country Church a Community Center." (See leaflet.)

"What the Rural Church Is Doing in Some Communities." (*Voice.*)

Discussion: "What May Our Church Do to Make Our Community Better?"

Prayer.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date





SOCIAL SERVICE

World Workers—Our Brothers

Bible lesson: "Dorcas Proving Herself a Friend." (Acts ix. 36-41.)

Prayer:

Our Father, teach us the world meaning of the prayer of our Lord, that *every child of thine is a brother of ours*; and so may we think and pray and love and give in terms of world brotherhood, that thy kingdom may come, thy will be done in all the earth. Give to us and to our brothers this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins of contracted vision and neglect of our brothers' need even as we also forgive. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evils of racial antagonism and prejudice, pride of class and of birth; and thine shall be the glory and praise for a redeemed world of brothers through the power of thy Spirit of love.

Hymns 402, 407.

Topic: "Young Women in the After-War Program of Work." (See leaflet.)

Short talks on "Women Who Have Opened New Doors to Womanhood." (*Voice*.)

Prayer.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

Hold Executive Committee ^{or} meeting and send reports to Conference officers promptly.

O C T O B E R

AFRICA. MISSION STUDY

We cannot believe in Christ ourselves without believing in him for the world.—*Phillips Brooks*.

Bible lesson: "Companionship." (1 John i. 1-7.)

Prayer:

Bring us, our Father, into fellowship with thee, that by the contagion of thy constant presence our spirits may be renewed from day to day. Sweeten and purify the springs of our lives, that they may be sources of inspiration and ennobling for those who walk beside us in life's way. Through us may they come to know the beauty of companionship with thee. Amen.

Hymns 471, 556.

Topic: "A People in Need of Friendship."
(See leaflet.)

Mission study discussion: "The Benefits of Mission Study"; "Plans Best Suited to Our Auxiliary." (*Voice*.)

Prayer.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date





THE CITY CHURCH

The church is the city's home of brotherhood.

Bible lesson: "Partnership—A Reward of Friendship." (John xvi. 15; xvii. 22-24.)

Prayer:

Father, may our lives be dignified and ennobled by the sense of partnership with thee and with thy Son Jesus Christ; may we begin each day with the consciousness of thy companionship; may we realize that the perplexities that confront us also confront thee; that the sin and suffering that weigh upon our hearts are burdens too upon thy great heart; but make us to know too, our Father, that with thee all things are possible and that through thee and by the power of thy Spirit our work shall be done and thy name glorified. Amen.

Hymns 136, 317.

Topics: "Making the City Church a Community Center." (See leaflet.)

"My Experience as a Deaconess." (*Voice*.)

Discussion: "Is My Church Meeting the Needs of Our Community?"

Prayer.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

SOCIAL SERVICE

World Workers—Our Brothers

Bible lesson: "The Babe of Bethlehem the Greatest of All Friends." (Isa. ix. 2-7.)

Prayer:

Our Father, give to us the spirit of the little child, the spirit that loves, that trusts, and is not afraid. Keep our hearts pure, that we may see God in the beauty of the flower, the bird, the stars, and in the eyes of little children; and, seeing him, may we grow daily into his likeness, revealing his love to men. For the sake of the Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem, we ask it. Amen.

Hymns 672, 679.

Topic: "The Child's New Day." (See leaflet.)

Readings: "The Plea of the Immigrant Madonna" (*Voice*); "The Madonna of the Curb."

Discussion: "What Our Government Is Doing for Childhood." (*Voice*.)

Prayer.

Business meeting:

Leader

Hostess

Date

Hold Executive Committee meeting and send reports to Conference officers. Is your auxiliary on the Roll of Honor?



THE MADONNA OF THE CURB

BY CHRISTOPHER MORLEY

On the curb of a city pavement,
By the ash and garbage cans,
In the stench and rolling thunder
Of motor trucks and vans,
There sits my little lady
With brave but troubled eyes,
And in her arms a baby
That cries and cries and cries.

She cannot be more than seven;
But years go fast in the slums,
And hard on the pains of winter
The pitiless summer comes.
The wail of sickly children
She knows; she understands
The pangs of puny bodies,
The clutch of small hot hands.

In the deadly blaze of August,
That turns men faint and mad,
She quiets the peevish urchins
By telling a dream she had—
A heaven with marble counters
And ice and a singing fan
And a God in white, so friendly,
Just like the drug store man.

Her ragged dress is dearer
Than the perfect robe of a queen.
Poor little lass, who knows not
The blessing of being clean!
And when you are giving millions
To Belgian, Pole, and Serb,
Remember my pitiful lady—
Madonna of the Curb!

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Devotional service.
2. Roll call. (At least once a quarter.)
3. Reading of minutes.
4. Items from the *Bulletin*.
5. Reports of officers:
 - (a) Vice President.
 - (b) Corresponding Secretary.
 - (c) Treasurer.
 - (d) Superintendent of Study and Publicity.
 - (e) Superintendent of Social Service.
 - (f) Superintendent of Supplies.
6. Reports of committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Collection of offerings.
11. Adjournment.

